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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF PRESIDENT COLOMBO OF EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT

REF: BRUSSELS 6352

EMILIO COLOMBO IS ONE OF THE OLD GUARD DC LEADERS.  
HE ENTERED PARLIAMENT IN 1946 AT THE AGE OF 26 AND,  
AFTER SEVERAL QUICK TURNS AS UNDERSECRETARY, WAS A  
MEMBER OF THE CABINET IN ALMOST EVERY GOVERNMENT FROM  
1953 TO 1976, WHEN HE WENT TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.  
IN THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S CRISIS OF CON-  
SCIENCE FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS OF 1976, IT WAS CLEAR  
THAT, EIMILIO COLOMBO, BOTH AS A MUCH CRITICIZED LONG-TIME  
TREASURY MINISTER AND AS ONE OF THE OLD GUARD, HAD TO GO.  
HIS MOVE TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIMENT WAS THUS A  
GENTEEL WAY FOR HIM TO RETIRE FROM AN ACTIVE ROLE IN  
DOMESTIC ITALIAN POLITICS. AT THIS STAGE, IT WOULD  
APPEAR THAT HE HAS NO FUTURE IN ITALIAN POLITICS  
THOUGH HE MAY HAVE A FUTURE ROLE IN THE EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT. ACCORDINGLY WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND OR  
URGE A VISIT BY COLOMBO FOR REASONS BASED ON HIS PAST OR  
FUTURE IN ITALIAN POLITICS. HOWEVER, IF A VISIT  
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BY COLOMBO AS PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT  
COULD BE USED AS TO PROMOTE EUROPEAN  
UNITY, THEN WE WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE NO OBJECTION.  
GARDNER

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